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Name of Guidance:

Pharmacy Regulations

Regulating Agency:

Subagency (if any):

Citation (Code of Federal Regulation):

Authority (Statute/Regulation):

Description of Problem (Nature of impact and on Whom):

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Estimate of Economic Impacts (Quantified Benefits and Costs if possible / Qualified description as needed):

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